

Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

§ 1.6153-1

For provisions relating to installment payments of estimated income tax by corporations, see section 6154 and §§ 1.6154-1 to 1.6154-3, inclusive.

(2) *Method of election.* A corporation shall be considered to have made an election to pay its tax in installments if:

(i) It files its income tax return on or before the date prescribed therefor (determined without regard to any extension of time) and pays 50 percent of the unpaid amount of the tax at such time, or

(ii) It files an application on Form 7004 for an automatic extension of time to file its income tax return, as provided in § 1.6081-3, and pays 50 percent of the unpaid amount of the tax at such time. Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the installment privilege is limited to the unpaid amount of tax as shown on the income tax return filed in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, or as shown on the Form 7004 filed in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

(3) *Use of Government depositories.* For provisions relating to the use of Federal Reserve banks and authorized financial institutions in depositing the taxes see § 1.6302-1.

(b) *Privilege of estates of decedents to make installment payments.* With respect to the income tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Code upon estates of decedents, the fiduciary may elect to pay the tax in four equal installments instead of in a single payment. If the election is made, the tax shall be paid as follows:

(1) Twenty-five percent on or before the date prescribed for the payment of the tax as a single payment,

(2) Twenty-five percent on or before three months after the date prescribed for payment of the first installment,

(3) Twenty-five percent on or before six months after the date prescribed for payment of the first installment, and

(4) Twenty-five percent on or before nine months after the date prescribed for payment of the first installment.

(c) *Proration of deficiency to installments.* If an election has been made to pay the tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Code in installments, and a deficiency has been assessed, the deficiency shall be prorated equally to all the installments, whether paid or unpaid. Except as provided in section 6861, relating to jeopardy assessment, the part of the deficiency so prorated to any installment which is not yet due shall be collected at the same time as and as part of such installment. The part of the deficiency so prorated to any installment the date for payment of which has arrived shall be paid upon notice and demand from the district director.

(d) *Acceleration of payment.* If a taxpayer elects under the provisions of this section to pay the tax in installments, any installment may be paid prior to the date prescribed for its payment. If an installment is not paid in full on or before the date fixed for its payment the whole amount of the unpaid tax shall be paid upon notice and demand from the district director.

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§ 1.6153-1 Payment of estimated tax by individuals.

(a) *In general.* (1) The time for payment of the estimated tax by individuals for calendar years shall be as follows:

Date of filing declaration	Dates of payment of estimated tax
(i) On or before April 15	In 4 equal installments—one at time of filing declaration, one on or before June 15, one on or before September 15, and one on or before January 15 of the succeeding taxable year
(ii) After April 15 and before June 16 if not required to be filed on or before April 15.	In 3 equal installments—one at time of filing declaration, one on or before September 15, and one on or before January 15 of the succeeding taxable year
(iii) After June 15 and before September 16 if not required to be filed on or before June 15.	In 2 equal installments—one at time of filing declaration, and the other on or before January 15 of the succeeding taxable year
(iv) After September 15 if not required to be filed on or before September 15.	In full at time of filing declaration

(2) If, for example, due to the nature and amount of his gross income for 1955, the taxpayer is not required to file his declaration as of April 15, but is required to file the declaration on or before June 15, 1955, the case comes within the scope of subparagraph (1)(ii) of this paragraph and the estimated tax is payable in 3 equal installments, the 1st on the date of filing, the 2d on or before September 15, 1955, and the 3d installment on or before January 15, 1956.

(3) If a declaration is filed after the time prescribed in section 6073(a) (including any extension of time granted for filing the declaration), there shall be paid at such time all installments of the estimated tax which would have been payable on or before such date of filing if the declaration had been timely filed in accordance with the provisions of section 6073(a). The remaining installments shall be paid at the times and in the amounts in which they would have been payable if the declaration had been timely filed. Thus, for example, B, a single man who makes his return on the calendar year basis, was employed from the beginning of 1955 and for several years prior thereto at an annual salary of \$6,000, thus meeting the requirements of section 6015(a). B filed his declaration for 1955 on September 16, 1955. In such case, B should have filed a declaration on or before April 15, 1955, and at the time of filing his declaration he was delinquent in the payment of three installments of his estimated tax for the taxable year 1955. Hence, upon his filing the declaration on September 16, 1955, three-fourths of the estimated tax shown thereon must be paid.

(4) In the case of a decedent, payments of estimated tax are not required subsequent to the date of death. See, however, paragraph (c) of § 1.6015(b)-1, relating to the making of an amended declaration by a surviving spouse if a joint declaration was made before the death of the decedent.

(5) The payment of any installment of the estimated tax shall be considered payment on account of the tax for such taxable year. Hence, upon the return for such taxable year, the aggregate amount of the payments of estimated tax should be entered as pay-

ments to be applied against the tax shown on such return.

(b) *Farmers or fishermen.* Special provisions are made with respect to the filing of the declaration and the payment of the tax by an individual whose estimated gross income from farming or, with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1962, from fishing is at least two-thirds of his total gross income from all sources for the taxable year. As to what constitutes income from farming or fishing within the meaning of this paragraph, see paragraph (b) of § 1.6073-1. The declaration of such an individual may be filed on or before January 15 of the succeeding taxable year in lieu of the time prescribed for individuals generally. Where such an individual makes a declaration of estimated tax after September 15 of the taxable year, the estimated tax shall be paid in full at the time of the filing of the declaration.

(c) *Amendment of declaration.* If any amendment of a declaration is filed, the remaining installments, if any, shall be ratably increased or decreased, as the case may be, to reflect the increase or decrease in the estimated tax by reason of the amendment. If any amendment is made after September 15 of the taxable year, any increase in the estimated tax by reason thereof shall be paid at the time of making the amendment.

(d) *Installments paid in advance.* At the election of the taxpayer any installment of the estimated tax may be paid prior to the date prescribed for its payment.

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§ 1.6153-2 Fiscal years.

In the case of an individual on the fiscal year basis, the dates prescribed for payment of the estimated tax shall be the 15th day of the 4th month, the 15th day of the 6th month, and the 15th day of the 9th month of the taxable year and the 15th day of the 1st month of the succeeding taxable year. For example, if an individual having a fiscal year ending on June 30, 1956, first meets the requirements of section 6015(a) on January 15, 1956, and the declaration is filed on or before March 15,